

AL-111-B-147  
Stafford Log House  
Nicholas Ridge Road on Iron's Mountain  
Latter quarter of 19th century

The log house was a very popular form of housing in Allegany County throughout the 19th century. Stafford Log House is approximately 100 years old, and it has been in the Stafford family since 1883, when it was a two-room structure. The house was originally a one and a half story, two bays wide structure, and it is similar to many others found in this eastern section of Allegany County. Stafford Log House serves as a reminder of a long-time farming family of the county.

## INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**HISTORIC **Stafford Log House**

AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**STREET & NUMBER **Nicholas Ridge Road on Iron's Mountain Sixth**CITY, TOWN **Cumberland**☒ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE **Maryland****Allegany** COUNTY**3 CLASSIFICATION****CATEGORY**☐ DISTRICT☒ BUILDING(S)☐ STRUCTURE☐ SITE☐ OBJECT**OWNERSHIP**☐ PUBLIC☒ PRIVATE☐ BOTH**PUBLIC ACQUISITION**☐ IN PROCESS☐ BEING CONSIDERED**STATUS**☒ OCCUPIED☐ UNOCCUPIED☐ WORK IN PROGRESS**ACCESSIBLE**☒ YES: RESTRICTED☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED☐ NO**PRESENT USE**☐ AGRICULTURE☐ COMMERCIAL☐ EDUCATIONAL☐ ENTERTAINMENT☐ GOVERNMENT☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ MILITARY☐ MUSEUM☐ PARK☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☐ RELIGIOUS☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ TRANSPORTATION☐ OTHER**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**NAME **Myrtha Stafford**

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER **Route 4 Moores Hollow Road**CITY, TOWN **Cumberland**

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code **Maryland 21502****5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. **Allegany County Courthouse**Liber #: **171**Folio #: **474**STREET & NUMBER **30 Washington Street**CITY, TOWN **Cumberland**STATE **Maryland 21502****6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

## 7 DESCRIPTION

AC-1-B-197

### CONDITION

☐ EXCELLENT

☐ GOOD

☒ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED

☐ RUINS

☐ UNEXPOSED

### CHECK ONE

☒ UNALTERED

☐ ALTERED

### CHECK ONE

☒ ORIGINAL SITE

☐ MOVED DATE \_\_\_\_\_

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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Stafford Log House stands on the western side of Nicholas Ridge Road on Iron's Mountain.

This building originally consisted of a one and one half story, two bays wide rectangular log structure covered with german siding. It rests on stones laid at the corners. The gable flank roof is covered with ribbed tin. Eaves consist of a cornice, soffit, and bed mould. Two cinderblock chimneys are located outside end.

The main entrance, offset on the southeast, has a replaced door. Windows on the original building are one light casements and one two over two light nailed window, all with wooden lugsills.

A frame addition with german siding located on the northeast is perpendicular to the original. It rests on a low stone foundation of random rubble. One over one light nailed windows are pedimented.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER	
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The log house was a popular form of housing in rural Allegany County, throughout the 19th century. Logs were very functional building material in an area filled with abundant forests.

Stafford Log House is at least one hundred years old. According to present owner, Myrtha Stafford, the house has been in her family since 1883 when it was a two room structure. (1) Miss Stafford has lived in the house for 77 years. (2)

This log house is similar to many others that can be found in this eastern section of the county. It has had some additions which were usually built to accomodate a growing family's needs. The house stands as a reminder of a long-time farming family of eastern Allegany County.

(1) Interview with Myrtha Stafford, September 8, 1978

(2) Ibid

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# 9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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## 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 73 Acres

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE COUNTY

STATE COUNTY

## 11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE	David A. Dorsey, Historic Sites Coordinator	
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CITY OR TOWN	Cumberland	STATE Maryland 21502

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust  
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
(301) 267-1438

INVENTORY NO: 43DATE: 9/8

REMODELING: Drastic, moderate, minor

NAME OF PROPERTY:

<sup>LOG</sup>  
STAFFORD HouseAL- III **B-147**

LOCATION OF PROPERTY:

East side of Moore's Hollow Rd.

DIRECTION DWELLING FACES:

120° SE.

NAME OF OWNER:

Myrtha Stafford492/49

ADDRESS:

ph.#STORIES: <sup>orig.</sup> 1 1 1/2 2( ) 3( ) 4( ) 5( ) 6( ) BAYS: <sup>orig.</sup> 1( ) 2 (1) 3( ) 4( ) 5( ) 6( ) 7( ) ( )WINGS, ADDITIONS: 2DWELLING SHAPE: (square, cross, <sup>orig.</sup> rectangular) L

WALL CONSTRUCTION:

- ( ) FRAME: Bevel, clapboard, weatherboard, wood shingles, board & batten (type?)  
( ) BRICK: Bond type - common, English, Flemish. Sketch variants.  
( ) STONE: Bond type - rubble, ashlar (random or regular), quoins-plain, rusticated  
(✓) LOG  
(✓) OTHER: Coverings germansiding

WALL FEATURES: Belt Course, Pilasters, Others

FOUNDATIONS: High, Low, Brick, Stone ~~uncommon~~ on corners

WATER TABLE: None, Plain, Beveled, Moulded Brick

WINDOWS, TRIM, SHUTTERS: originally 1 light casements plain frames  
1/1(✓) 2/2(✓) 6/6( ) 9/6( ) 9/9( ) other( )  
pegged( ) nailed(✓) wide( ) narrow( ) mitred( ) pediment(✓)ENTRANCE, DOORS: LOCATION: SE offset

HARDWARE: original(✓) replaced( )

FAN LIGHT, TRANSOM, SIDE LIGHTS, PLAIN

3 Paneled, Vertical, Horizontal BoardsCORNICE, BARGE, EAVES: (crown, fascia, soffit, bed)

original(✓) replaced( ) rafter ends, modillions, dentils, frieze, architrave

ROOF: Gable front, Gable flank, Hip, Shed, Mansard, Gambrel, Flat, Dormers #

MATERIAL: wood shingles, slate, tin, asphalt; original( ) replaced( )

PORCHES: SHAPE OF ROOF - shed( ) hip(✓) gable( ) out posts - cutCHIMNEYS: Number: 2 cinder concrete & brick Brick( ) Stone( ) Corbeled(✓) original( ) replaced(✓)

Location: Flush end( ) Inside end( ) Outside end(✓) Central( ) Interior( )

ARCHES: Door &amp; Windows: Keystone, Flat, Segmental, Semicircular

COMMENTS:

USE:

SIGNIFICANCE:

DATE CONSTRUCTED: LADY'S BEEN HERE 77 yrs. in family since 1893 - 2 rooms then

CONDITION:

5263 III NE  
(CUMBERLAND)

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CUMBERLAND (JUNC. U.S. 40) 2.6 MI

12 220 000 FEET (W. VA.)

TWIGGTOWN 3.7 MI  
42'30"

526  
(EVITT)

410 000 FEET  
(W. VA.)

4388000m.N.

F R Ä N K F O R T

NORTH BRANCH

CHESAPEAKE

North Branch

64

Church

A topographic map of the Irons and Nicholls area. The map shows contour lines indicating elevation. The Irons area is labeled at the top, and the Nicholls area is labeled at the bottom. A dashed line runs diagonally across the map, separating the two areas. The map is oriented with North at the top.

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STAFFORD LOG HOUSE  
RE'S HOLLOW RD  
S PATTERSON Creek Quad  
1949

Collier

R-1300





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Stafford Log House  
Moore's Hollow Rd. Cumberland

David A. Dorsey

9/8/78  
south



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Stafford Log House

Moore's Hollow Rd Cumberland

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9/8/78

Worth